

PLANNING 101

An Introduction to the Comprehensive Plan/ Long Range Transportation Plan (CP/LRTP)



Comp Plan/LRTP
2030
UPDATE

Q What is a Comp Plan?

A “Comprehensive Plan” (Comp Plan) is a community’s common vision of what it wants to be like in the future. Such plans typically look twenty to twenty five years into the future.



Comprehensive Plans deal mostly with the physical characteristics of a city or county. They contain the dreams and plans a community needs to guide future development.

These plans illustrate where tomorrow’s homes, schools, parks, shopping areas, employment centers, and other uses will be located. They often show natural and environmentally sensitive areas a community may want preserve or enhance for its children and grandchildren.

Q What’s in a Comp Plan?

Comp Plans typically include these elements:

- ◆ Statements of **goals**
- ◆ Estimates of **residents & workers**
- ◆ Descriptions of **future land uses**
- ◆ Forecasts of **housing needs**
- ◆ Programs for transportation **improvements**
- ◆ Locations for **schools & parks**
- ◆ Future sites for **community facilities**
- ◆ Plans for **public utilities**

Q What is a Long Range Transportation Plan?

A “Long Range Transportation Plan” (LRTP) fulfills the requirements of the Federal transportation planning process by describing the transportation needs of a community for at least a 20 year period.

The Plan is to consider a full complement of transportation modes - roads, pedestrians, bicycles, trails, transit, parking, railroads, and airports.



Here in Lincoln and Lancaster County, the LRTP not only fulfills Federal requirements, but also serves as the City and County’s transportation plan as a section (Mobility and Transportation) of the Comprehensive Plan.

The LRTP describes an evolving local transportation system built upon the Comprehensive Plan’s Vision. The Plan presents the transportation improvements that will be needed today and in the future to help move people and goods about the community.

Q What’s in a LRTP?

LRTPs typically include these elements:

- ◆ **Principles** and **Objectives**
- ◆ **Pedestrian** Planning
- ◆ **Bicycles** and **Trails** Planning
- ◆ **Transit** Planning
- ◆ **Parking** Planning
- ◆ Urban and Rural **Roads** Planning
- ◆ Intelligent **T**ransportation **S**ystems
- ◆ **Systems Management**
- ◆ **Railroads**
- ◆ **Airport**
- ◆ **Goods** and **Freight** Movement
- ◆ **Financial** Analysis

Q Don't we already have a City/County CP/LRTP?

Yes. The current City-County Comprehensive Plan and LRTP were adopted in mid-2002.

Federal regulations require the LRTP be updated every 5 years in order to qualify projects for federal funding. In 2007, an updated LRTP will need to be adopted to fulfill this requirement.



The process we are now undertaking will examine all elements of the LRTP and will extend the planning horizon year to 2030. This process will result in the completion of an update to the City and County Comprehensive Plan and LRTP by the end of the calendar year 2006.

Q Who is Guiding the Process?

The process to amend the LRTP is being guided by the Lincoln City-Lancaster County Planning Commission. The members of the Planning Commission are:

Jon Carlson **Eugene Carroll** **Dick Esseks**
Gerry Krieser **Roger Larson** **Melinda Pearson**
Mary Strand **Lynn Sunderman** **Tommy Taylor**

Also involved in the process is the MPO Technical Committee. It is comprised of technical staff from the City, County, and State. It will provide technical support and direction to the Planning Commission. The Technical Committee will meet regularly during the LRTP Update process.

After land use and transportation issues have been addressed, the draft LRTP will be forwarded to the Planning Commission for a public hearing. Once the Planning Commission has approved the LRTP, the City Council and County Board will then take action on the proposed draft plan. After action by the City Council and County Board, the Officials Committee of the MPO will review and take action on the updated LRTP.

Q What is the Schedule for Preparing the New CP/LRTP?

Task Descriptions		2005								2006											
		M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
1	Process and Assumption Validation	■	■																		
2	Develop three Future Service Scenarios			■	■																
3	Adopt Future Service Limit and Land Use Plan					■	■														
4	Transportation Plan Evaluation and Other Plan Elements							■	■	■	■	■	■	■							
5	Plan Review and Planning Commission Adoption														■	■	■	■			
6	Final City Council, County Board and MPO Adoption																		■	■	■



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